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In analyzing the Poles' incredible and suicidal hatred for the USSR, Ambansador Lebediev arrived at the following conclusions:

- a. Poland is primerily a peasant country; Polish feeling is dominated by the richer peasants, and the majority of the intelligentsia comes from peasant stock. It is this element of intelligentsia and peasants which sees in the USSR Poland's greatest enemy and which holds very strong batred for the Soviet Union and Socialist ideas.
- b. After 1918 Poles looked upon Communist influence as their greatest menace and the ruling class educated youth to hate the USSR, hoping thereby to immunize it from this influence. From this attitude stormed the persecution of Communists, the Beck policy, which was against the interests of Poland, and the Sanscya policy of regaining Polich losses at the cost of the Ukraine and Byeloruseia.
- c. Although the Poles understand the German menace and recognize the need for co-operation with the USSR, they prefer a sealed border between Poland and the USSR. They do not want in any case to organize their country according to Soviet patterns and would like to encape Soviet control.

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